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**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the Application, as published, please replace paragraphs [0008]-[0013] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0008] In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 2 are provided. It is hereby achieved that~~ the flux of force between the motor and the wind-up reel can be increased if desired, which is exploited in an advantageous manner when the depilating tape is applied to the skin of a person since, in this case, the drive connection is interrupted and, as a result, a used depilating tape already wound onto the wind-up reel can be pulled off again, which is advantageous in respect of the smallest possible consumption of depilating tape.

[0009] In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved especially advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 3 are provided. This is advantageous in respect of~~ the simplest and most operationally reliable design possible is provided. The interruption of the drive connection can, however, also take place automatically, for instance by pressing the application means onto the skin of a person, wherein a control device for control purposes, namely to interrupt the drive connection, is provided between the application means or the support means for the application means and the interruptible drive connection.

[0010] In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, it has further proved advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 4 are provided. The realization of~~ lengths of the application length that are matched to the particular areas of skin to be depilated is hereby enabled if desired.

[0011] In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 5 are provided. In this manner, an~~ especially simple, operationally reliable design can be realized, which is further characterized by a high level of user-friendliness.

[0012] In a depilating apparatus as described in the paragraph above, it has proved extremely advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 6 are provided. This design is of advantage in respect of a~~ simple introduction of the depilating tape into the depilating apparatus is provided. This design is further advantageous in respect of a satisfactory operating mode of the blocking means. Instead of a supply reel, however, a supply of depilating tape may also be provided in the form of a stack formed by zigzag folding of the depilating tape in a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention.

[0013] In a depilating apparatus in accordance with the invention, it has further proved advantageous if, in addition, ~~the features as claimed in claim 7 are provided. In this manner, an~~ especially simple, readily performed application of the depilating tape to the skin of a person is ensured.